the lines of ITAT, CEGAT, etc.

(v) There should be training institutions for training of judicial officers.

(vi) Government litigation should be reduced by undertaking timely steps to screen grievances against the Government.

(vii) Courts should be strict in the matter of admission of public interest litigation which if often misused.

(viii) The Surpeme Court and the High Courts should exercise greater restraint in the exercise of their powers and in the discharge of their functions.

(ix) Problems connected with frequent adjournments, strikes, etc., cannot be effectively handled, unless the judges and practicing lawyers are brought together to discuss the matter across the table.

(x) The Malimath Committee recommendations constitute the right framework to proceed further in the matter.

The Law Minister also constituted three open-ended Working Groups to consider different aspects of the recommendations of the Malimath Committee Report in detail.

**Non cooperation of Bihar Government in administration of justice**

2754. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Chief Justice of the Patna High Court had recently expressed his disappointment with the Bihar Government for not assisting and cooperating with the High Court in the administration of Justice;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Govenrment have taken to ensure that State Governments particularly the State of Bihar and Union Territory Administrations, properly assist and cooperate with Judiciary in the administration of Justice in the State and Union Territory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) As per information received from the Registry of Patna High Court, the Chief Justice has expressed his concern from time to time regarding inadequate facilities and infrastructure in respect of judicial administration in the State of Bihar. Recently, the matter was discussed by him with the Chief Minister of Bihar also, who has promised to provide the necessary facility and infrastructure for proper administration of jusutice in the State.

**Corruption in judiciary**

2755. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:
SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to views expressed by eminent jurists in a convention on 25th July, 1992 regarding alarming rise of corruption in the higher echelons of the judiciary and absence of any machinery to ensure its accountability;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to restore public confidence in the judiciary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) Government's